

RICE-FLOUR HYDROLYSATES FAT SUBSTITUTE

THE PRESENT INVENTION CLAIMED IS

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1. A food-making process, comprising the steps of:
starting with a rice flour ingredient;
adding an enzyme to the rice flour ingredient; and
extruding a slurry including said rice flour
10 ingredient and said enzyme to obtain a hydrolysis of rice
flour;
wherein, a product is produced with a water content
of 5%-25%, by weight.

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2. The food-making process of claim 1, further
comprising the step of:
substituting said product for a fat ingredient in a
final food product.

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3. The food-making process of claim 1, further
comprising the step of:
using said product instead of shortening in a final
food product.

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4. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:
the step of extruding promotes a short-time
conversion of said rice flour in the presence of said enzyme.

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5. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:
the step of extruding includes a hydrolysis process
that produces simple sugars, and said product has a water
activity low enough to mimic the texture of fat that will not
sustain significant microbiological growth.

6. The food-making process of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

blending rice syrup with said rice flour in said slurry before the step of extruding and providing for an enzymatic reaction.

7. The food-making process of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

blending a sweetener with said rice flour in said slurry before the step of extruding and providing for an enzymatic reaction.

8. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:

the step of extruding is such that said product appears like shortening, and is a combination of water, flours, simple sugars, and complex carbohydrates that have substantially less calories than fat.

9. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:

the step of extruding is such that said product includes proteins that can act as emulsifiers.

10. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:

the step of extruding does not include the use of an emulsifier in said slurry.

11. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:

the step of extruding is such that said product has a bland, neutral taste.

12. The food-making process of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

extruding a second time to inactivate said enzymes and thereby adjust the pH of said product.

13. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:
the step of extruding is extended over 3-10
seconds.

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14. The food-making process of claim 1, wherein:
the step of extruding is conducted between a
temperature of 35°C to 60°C.

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15. A system for making a fat substitute for use in
foods, comprising:

a rice flour ingredient;

an enzyme which is added to the rice flour
ingredient; and

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means for extruding a slurry including the rice
flour ingredient and the enzyme to obtain a hydrolysis of
rice flour;

wherein, a fat substitute with a water content of
5%-25%, by weight results.

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16. The system of claim 15, wherein:
the means for extruding promotes during operation a
short-time conversion of said rice flour in the presence of
said enzyme.

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17. The system of claim 15, further comprising:
a rice syrup that is blended in with the rice flour
in said slurry before extruding, such that an enzymatic
reaction results after extruding.

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18. The system of claim 15, wherein:
the means for extruding extrudes said slurry over a
period of 3-10 seconds.